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Security Council

10 a.m. — 5525th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Africa

   Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Sudan

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5525th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 5th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

3–6 p.m. — 6th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

International migration and development [54 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/871)

(b) Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/61/187)

(continued overleaf)

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Round table 3

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Multidimensional aspects of international migration and development, including remittances

Chaired by H.E. Mr. Kastriot Sulka, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Equal Opportunities of Albania

Round table 4

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Promoting the building of partnerships and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices at all levels, including the bilateral and regional levels, for the benefit of countries and migrants alike

Chaired by Mr. Jean-François Ndongou, Deputy Minister to the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Francophonie and Social Integration of Gabon

[*Note:* The provisional list of speakers for the High-level Dialogue (No. 3) is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B).]

Informal Working Group on mandate review

10 a.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Main Committees

Third Committee
Informal briefing

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal briefing by the Chairman of the Third Committee, H.E. Mr. Hamid Al Bayati (Iraq), on the organization of work of the Committee for the sixty-first session (A/C.3/61/L.1 and A/C.3/61/L.1/Add.1)

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. 480th meeting Conference Room 8

Adoption of the report [8]

Other matters [7]

[*Note:* In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Jane Pittson-Chianese, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax 1 (212) 963-7405; e-mail pittsonj@un.org).]

General Assembly

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Eighteenth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 15 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratory 2 (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Friday, 15 September 2006

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly:

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Friday, 15 September 2006

Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

On "Role of parliaments in building good governance in the LDCs" (organized by IPU and UN-OHRLLS)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Alessandro Motter (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail am@mail.ipu.org).]

On "*FDI in Least Developed Countries at a Glance* (2005-2006)" (organized by UNCTAD)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Side events — High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

On "International Migration and Development Initiative" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please visit <www.un.int/iom/IMDI%20event.html>; or contact Ms. Amy Muedin (tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212; e-mail amuedin@iom.int).]

On "Seizing the opportunities that international migration brings: A regional perspective" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Regional Commissions New York Office)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Kazi A. Rahman (tel. 1 (212) 963-5561; e-mail rahman3@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 15 September 2006

Room S-226

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 18 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	7th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3–6 p.m.	8th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [55 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/173)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.1)

[*Note*: The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the High-level Meeting is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile to the Permanent Missions. Delegations are reminded that there is a 5-minute time limit for the statements.]

[*Note*: On Tuesday, 19 September, the High-level Meeting will be convened in plenary only for one hour to adopt the outcome document.]

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Tiina Pessi (room S-2977EE; tel. 1 (917) 367-9327; e-mail pessi@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-memoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977J; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/61/L.1[1].

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 18 September 2006. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pinet, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Monday, 18 September.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Economic and Social Council

Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Bangkok, 18–22 September 2006

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council decision 2004/304 of 23 July 2004, the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 22 September 2006. *On Monday, 18 September 2006, the registration for participants will begin at 8 a.m., and the official opening of the Conference will be at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.*

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Conference has been issued in document E/CONF.97/1. In preparation for the Conference, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information available on the following Web site: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/17thunrccapdocuments.htm>.

Delegations are advised that all meeting documents, including country report papers and technical papers received before the opening of the Conference, will be posted on the above Web site. The participants are also requested to print their own copies of papers from the Web site and bring them to the conference room. For participants from countries that experience difficulties with Internet access, please advise the United Nations Secretariat in advance so that paper copies can be made available during the Conference upon request. Requests of technical and substantive nature can be addressed to Mr. Amor Laaribi, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3042; fax 1 (212) 963-9851; e-mail laaribi@un.org).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

General debate (19–22, 25–29 September 2006)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Special ceremonies

On Monday, 18 September 2006, at 9.45 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the forty-fifth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961, and of those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace. The wreath will be laid by the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, in the Visitors' Lobby outside the Meditation Room.

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly: Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

Monday, 18 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)

Monday, 2 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Tuesday, 3 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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2006 Bending the Arc Summit (co-organized by the African Union's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), the United Nations Office of the Special Adviser for Africa (UNOSAA) and the African Business Round Table (ABRT))

Monday, 18 September 2006, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Camilla Schippa, UNFIP (tel. 1 (212) 963-3441; e-mail schippa@un.org).]

Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Monday, 18 September 2006

High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNECA, UNESCAP and UN-OHRLLS)

From 8.30 to 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All participants are kindly reminded to be seated by 8.15 a.m. For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-2348; e-mail silvern@un.org).]

Monday, 18, and Tuesday, 19 September 2006 (First basement foyer)

LDCs exhibition on "Redeeming the commitment" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNDP)

[For further information, please contact Mr. Ricardo Dunn (tel. 1 (917) 367-2471; e-mail dunn@un.org).]

Tuesday, 19 September 2006

High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNCTAD)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Franklin Delano Roosevelt International Disability Award to Poland

Monday, 18 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

[The President of the Republic of Poland H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczyński, will accept the Award presented by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute and the World Committee on Disability. All are invited to attend.]

UNITAID — Official launching of the International Drug Purchase Facility (organized by the Heads of State and Government of Brazil, Chile, France, Norway and the United Kingdom, in the presence of the Secretary General)

Tuesday, 19 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The memorandum of understanding with the World Health Organization, which will host UNITAID, will be signed on this occasion. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (tel. 1 (212) 372-2648; e-mail bfilho@delbrasonu.org); or Mr. Laurent Pic (tel.1 (212) 702-4966; e-mail laurent.pic@diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Presentation of the draft international convention on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance (organized by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and France)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

[The draft international convention will be presented to the General Assembly for approval at its sixty-first session. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fabiana Loguzzo (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300; e-mail argentina@un.int); or Mr. François Vandeville (tel. 1 (212) 702-4963; e-mail francois.vandeville @diplomatie.gouv.fr); press contact: Mr. Axel Cruau (tel. 1 (212) 702-4943; e-mail axel.cruau@diplomatie.gouv.fr).]

Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Small Group Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Wednesday, 20 September 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D (closed meeting).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Jak Sangchai, Permanent Mission of Thailand Mission (tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 141).]

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Continued IT Education (CITE) Project (on-line computer skills training for New York-based diplomats)

The deadline for registration is *today*, 15 September 2006. For further information, please contact Ms. Amy Weesner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021); or visit <www.unitarny.org/en/cite.html>.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 12 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

General Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/61/1 and A/BUR/61/1/Add.1)

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II. A

The Chairperson made a statement, in the course of which she proposed to address the established organizational matters concerning the General Assembly as a whole.

The General Committee decided to proceed accordingly.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 4 of the memorandum on rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as document A/56/1005 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 5 of the memorandum concerning paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 6 of the memorandum concerning the designation by each Vice-President of a liaison person for the duration of the session.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 41 of the memorandum concerning the responsibility of the Secretariat to inform thoroughly and accurately the General Assembly about whether there are enough resources to implement new activity.

Section II. B

The General Committee took note of paragraph 7 of the memorandum regarding resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 8 of the memorandum regarding an assessment of the debate on the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 9 of the memorandum concerning paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the practices and working methods of the Main Committees.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 10 of the memorandum concerning the substantive sessions of the Main Committees.

Section II.C

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sixty-first session should begin on Tuesday, 12 September 2006, and close on Monday, 17 September 2007.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First Committee, complete its work by Tuesday, 31 October, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (the Fourth Committee) and the Sixth Committee by Thursday, 9 November, the Third Committee by Wednesday, 22 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 1 December and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 8 December 2006.

Section II.D

The General Committee was informed that Sao Tome and Principe was drawn as the first delegation in the seating protocol of the General Assembly and the Main Committees.

Section II.E

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 15 to 17 of the memorandum regarding meeting hours at Headquarters, and measures to reduce costs relating to overtime.

In connection with paragraph 18 of the memorandum, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it should waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed.

Section II.F

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 19 and 20 of the memorandum regarding the general debate.

Section II.G

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly regarding the conduct of meetings mentioned in paragraph 21 of the memorandum.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions contained in paragraph 22 of the memorandum dealing with explanations of vote and rights of reply.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 23 of the memorandum dealing with points of order.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly to review the recommendations referred to in paragraph 24 of the memorandum regarding the length of statements.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers.

Section II.H

The General Committee took note of paragraph 26 on verbatim and summary records.

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 27 on reproducing statements *in extenso*.

In connection with paragraph 28, the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing *in extenso* statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the sixty-first session.

Section II.I

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information contained in paragraph 29 relating to resolutions.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 30 of the memorandum dealing with the electronic and paper submission of draft resolutions and decided to draw the paragraph to the attention of the General Assembly.

Section II.J

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 31 to 35 of the memorandum concerning documentation.

Section II.K

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 36 to 41 of the memorandum dealing with the programme budget and conference services implications of proposals.

Section II.L

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly adopt a format referred to in paragraph 42 concerning observances and commemorative meetings.

Section II.M

The General Committee decided to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 43 of the memorandum concerning special conferences.

Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Committee decided to bring to the attention of the General Assembly the information contained in paragraphs 44 and 45 of the memorandum.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

The Chairperson informed members that the draft agenda has been organized in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 2 (a) of the Annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316 under nine headings, and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of Assembly resolution 59/278.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 49 of the memorandum regarding periodic reviews of the agenda.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 50 of the memorandum on the possibility of deferring considerations of some items to later sessions.

The General Committee took note of paragraph 51 of the memorandum regarding the granting of observer status in the General Assembly.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of items 4 to 8.

Heading A

Item 38

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon and the United Kingdom.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda for that session.

Item 41

The representative of Uganda made a statement, in the course of which he proposed that item 41 be considered jointly with item 158, and that statements be limited to two speakers in favour of and two speakers against, and that the length of statements be limited to six minutes per statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Haiti, China, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Chile, Guinea, Iraq, Kuwait, Indonesia, Cameroon, Bhutan, Colombia and Zimbabwe.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Nepal, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

A statement was made by the representative of Nepal.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

The General Committee adopted the proposal by the representative of Uganda and proceeded accordingly.

Items 41 and 155

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of the Gambia made a statement.

The representative of China made a statement.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Nicaragua made a statement.

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 41 in the agenda of the sixty-first session.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 155 in the agenda of the sixty-first session.

Item 42

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement, in the course of which he proposed that statements be limited to two speakers in favour of and two speakers against, and that the length of statements be limited to six minutes per statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Iraq and Nigeria.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Nepal, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representative of Nepal.

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine (on behalf of the GUAM Group) and the Republic of Moldova.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Armenia, at her request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Armenia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States.

The General Committee decided not to recommend the inclusion of item 42 in the agenda of the sixty-first session.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of International peace and security), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 38, 41 and 42.

Heading B

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations Conferences).

Heading C

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

The representative of Liechtenstein made a statement.

Heading G

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under the heading H (Drug Control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

2nd meeting

Organization of work of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/61/1 and A/BUR/61/1/Add.1)

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV) (continued)

Heading I

Item 114

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of this item under heading A (Maintenance of International Peace and Security).

Item 149

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of this item under heading D (Promotion of human rights)

Items 151, 153 and 158

The representative of Liechtenstein made a statement, in the course of which he proposed that the requests for observer status in the General Assembly should be considered by the Sixth Committee under item 158.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Saudi Arabia, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 158 under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) and therefore not to recommend the inclusion of items 151 and 153.

Item 152

The representative of Liechtenstein made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of this item under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Item 154

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Nicaragua made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of this item under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 156

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of this item under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 157

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of this item under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Costa Rica, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 114, 149, 151 to 158 and also the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme".

Allocation of items (Section V)

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 53 to 55 of the memorandum dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items.

Item 114

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Chile and the United Kingdom.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 114 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 149

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Chile, China, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Iraq, the Russian Federation, Estonia, Norway, Colombia, Liechtenstein, Cameroon, Guinea, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Mexico, France, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Croatia.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the consideration of the question of the allocation of this item should be deferred to a later date.

Item 152

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 152 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 154

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 154 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 156

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 156 should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Item 157

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 157 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 158

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 158 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that this item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 31

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item 31 should be also allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 43

The General Committee took note of paragraph 58 of the memorandum.

Item 48

The General Committee took note of paragraph 59 of the memorandum.

Items 48 and 112

The General Committee took note of paragraph 60 of the memorandum.

Items 48, 112 and 150

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that these items should be allocated to the Fifth Committee for the consideration of the relevant reports of the Secretary-General.

Item 56 (b)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 62 of the memorandum.

Item 63 (a)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 63 of the memorandum.

Item 58 (a)

The General Committee took note of paragraph 64 of the memorandum.

Item 62

The General Committee took note of paragraph 65 of the memorandum.

Item 89

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 89.

Item 101

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it hear a brief presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report prior to the opening of the general debate.

Item 109

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly allocate item 109 to all the Main Committees, for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programme of work.

Item 118

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly allocate item 118 to all the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, in order to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

Item 128

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly allocate item 128 to the Fifth Committee for its consideration, and to the Sixth Committee for the purpose of considering the legal aspects, both institutional and procedural, of the comments by the Secretary-General on the recommendations contained in the report of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations system of administration and Justice (A/61/205).

The General Committee then proceeded to consider the allocation of items of the draft agenda in paragraph 71 of the memorandum.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in documents A/BUR/61/1 and A/BUR/61/1/Add.1, taking into consideration the action taken on sub-items 56 (b), 57 (a) and 58 (a), and items 114, 118, 154, 157 and the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme".

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/61/1, taking into account the action taken on items 109 and 118.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/61/1, taking into account the action taken on the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and items 109 and 118.

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/61/1, taking into account the action taken on items 109 and 118.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/61/1, taking into account the action taken on items 109, 118 and 149.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/61/1, taking into account the action taken on items 48, 109, 112, 150, 156 and 157.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/61/1, taking into account the action taken on items 31, 109, 118, 128, 151, 152, 153 and 158.

Wednesday, 13 September 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

2nd plenary meeting *Organization of work of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/61/250)* [7]

Section I

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 2 of the report.

Organization of the session (Section II)

Section II A

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 3 to 5 of the report.

Section II B

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 6 to 9 of the report.

Section II C

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report.

Section II D

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 12 to 15 of the report.

Section II E

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 16 and 17 of the report.

Section II F

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 18 to 23 of the report.

Section II G

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 24 to 26 of the report.

Section II H

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 27 and 28 of the report.

Section II I

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 29 to 33 of the report.

Section II J

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 34 to 39 of the report.

Section II K

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 40 of the report.

Section II L

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 41 of the report.

Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 42 and 43 of the report, concerning the timely submission of draft proposals for the review of their programme budget implications.

Adoption of the agenda (Section IV)

Item 38

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50, that the consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 41

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 51, not to include this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Solomon Islands, Palau, China, Burkina Faso, Cyprus, Uganda, Pakistan, South Africa, Greece, Myanmar, Argentina, Guinea, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, Eritrea, Brazil, Somalia, Bangladesh, Tuvalu, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Kuwait, Algeria, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen, Cuba, Chile, El Salvador, Cameroon, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Comoros, Colombia, Congo, Sri Lanka and Angola.

Item 42

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine (on behalf of the GUAM Group), Georgia, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Moldova, Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The meeting was suspended.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia.

The meeting was suspended.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

By 16 votes to 15, with 65 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly decided to reject the recommendation of the General Committee contained in paragraph 52 of the report, and therefore to include this item in the agenda of its sixty-first session.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement on a point of order.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia and the United Kingdom in explanation of vote after the vote.

Item 114

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 53, that the item be included under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security).

Item 149

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 54, that the item be included under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Items 151, 153 and 158

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 55, not to include the item 151.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 57, not to include the item 153.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 62, that the item 158 be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 152

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 56, that the item be included under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Item 154

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 58, that the item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 156

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60, that the item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 157

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 61, that the item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 63, that the item entitled "Follow-up to the recommendations on administrative management and internal oversight of the Independent Inquiry Committee into the United Nations Oil-for-Food Programme" be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Heading A

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), taking into account the decision taken on item 42.

Heading B

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences).

Heading C

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Heading G

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading H (Drug Control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

Heading I

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Allocation of item (Section V)

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in paragraph 67 of the report concerning the granting of observer status.

Plenary meetings

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 69 (a) to (j), relating to plenary meetings.

First Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 70.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 71, relating to item 32.

Second Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 72 (a) to (c), relating to items 54 (b), 55 (a) and 56 (a).

Third Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 73, relating to item 60.

Fifth Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 74 (a) to (c), relating to items 117, 127 and 150.

Sixth Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraph 75 (a) and (b), relating to items 79 and 152.

The President of the General Assembly informed the Assembly that the General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of item 67 contained in paragraph 76.

The General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 77, as well as the item entitled "Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development", for consideration directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly approved the allocation of the items proposed in paragraph 77 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second Committee, the Third Committee, the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee.

Thursday, 14 September 2006

Security Council

5523rd meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 30 of resolution 1546 (2004) (S/2006/706)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Qazi.

The Council heard a briefing by the representative of the United States on behalf of the multinational force.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar, Ghana, China, Congo, France, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Slovakia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Russian Federation, Peru and Japan, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Greece.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Iraq.

Mr. Qazi provided clarifications in response to comments made.

5524th meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Letter dated 13 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/735)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/736, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/736) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/736) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1708 (2006).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

3rd plenary meeting

Opening of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

The President of the General Assembly declared open the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Economic and Social Council made a statement.

The representative of Algeria made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

Address by H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Republic of Gabon

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Republic of Gabon.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Ms. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, Minister of Home Affairs of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Mr. Tonio Borg, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of Malta; H.E. Ms. Priya Manickchand, Minister for Human Services and Social Security of Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group); H.E. Ms. Ulla Tørnæs, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark; H.E. The Honourable Major General Moeng Pheto, Minister of Labour and Home Affairs of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Chakib Benmoussa, Minister of Interior of Morocco; H.E. Mr. Oumar Hamadoun Dicko, Minister of Malians Residing Abroad and African Integration of Mali; H.E. Mr. Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Luftor Rahman Khan Azad, Member of Parliament and Minister of State for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment of Bangladesh; H.E. Mr. Mehmet Aydin, Minister of State of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Arturo Brion, Minister of Labour of the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Konstantin Romodanovsky, Minister, Director of the Federal Agency for Migration Service of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Abdelkader Messahel, Minister Delegate to the Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs in charge of Maghreb and African Affairs of Algeria; H.E. The Honourable Dame Billie Miller, Senior Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; and H.E. Mr. Francisco Lainez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador.

4th plenary meeting

The summary of the 4th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/179).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Chile (13 September 2006)[1]

Convention relating to the status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Belize (14 September 2006)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Belize (14 September 2006)[1]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Partial withdrawal of a reservation: Austria (14 September 2006)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Sofia, 27 February 2001

Ratification: Austria (14 September 2006)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Cavtat, 4 June 2004

Ratification: Austria (14 September 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. New York, 2 December 2004

Ratification: Austria (14 September 2006)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: Austria (14 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Armenia (14 September 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Accession: Armenia (14 September 2006)[1]

Accession: Peru (14 September 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation
Focus 2006: Crossing Borders

United Nations Headquarters
(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000.

The General Assembly has decided to convene a High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development during its sixty-first session. Consistent with the Organization's objectives of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law, and consistent with the High-level Dialogue on international migration and related issues, the theme for the Focus 2006 Treaty Event will be "Crossing Borders".

The Treaty Event will continue in parallel with the High-Level Dialogue at Headquarters *today*, 15 September, and on Tuesday, 19, and Wednesday, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 14 September 2006.

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	Sixty-first session
A/61/5/Add.2	United Nations Children's Fund — Financial report and audited financial statements — for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5B [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/478/Add.2/Corr.1	Item 32 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A E R S]
	Sixty-first session
A/61/250	Organization of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — First report of the General Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/270	Item 62 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of the rights of children: — Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on children — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/282	Item 115 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Identification of additional resources for the Development Account — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/295	Item 115 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
Security Council	**Documents**
S/2006/10/Add.31	Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]
S/2006/733	Letter dated 8 September 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/734	Letter dated 13 September 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Thirty-seventh session

CEDAW/C/AZE/Q/3	List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Azerbaijan [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/IND/Q/3	List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — India [A C E F R S]
CEDAW/C/PER/Q/6	List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Peru [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Documents

Second regular session 2006

DP/FPA/DCP/GMB/6	Item 11 of the provisional agenda — Country programmes and related matters — United Nations Population Fund — Draft country programme document for the Gambia [E F S (only)]

Communications to the Editor

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